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# Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana Prepares for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Housing Summit Conference



Kim Kendrick

The Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northwest Indiana Housing Summit Conference on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, IN. The keynote luncheon speaker for the event is Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). J. David Donahue, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC) will serve as the morning plenary speaker.



J. David Donahue

In addition to seven workshop institutes which will focus on fair housing, homelessness and affordable housing issues, the conference will close with a dynamic panel discussion entitled "Movers, Shakers and Decision Makers: A State of the Region." The panel will include legislators and policy makers from around the state discussing housing, homeless and economic development issues. Registration for the conference begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information please contact Sharron Liggins 219-746-0417 or visit the website at www.nwihsc.net.

## **About the Housing Summit Conference**

- The Northwest Indiana Housing Summit Conference (NWIHSC) is a vehicle designed to provide information exchange, technical assistance and training opportunities for consumers and providers of homelessness and affordable/fair housing services.
- Practitioners are drawn from many segments of the housing industry to increase awareness and promote understanding of practices and policies that impact affordable/fair housing in Northwest Indiana.
- The NWIHSC is led by an all volunteer steering committee comprised of individuals who represent a variety of municipal entities, advocacy groups, non-profit service providers, Universities, financial institutions and housing industry practitioners.

## **About the Housing Continuum of Care Network**

The Continuum of Care Network of NWI (CoC) is a coalition comprised of more than 60 organizations from throughout Lake County that address homelessness and affordable housing issues in the region; in the last three years over \$7 million in funding has been secured to combat homelessness and affordable housing shortages in Northwest Indiana.